
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Joshua 6:1-7 KJV*

Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. (2) And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. (3) And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. (4) And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. (5) And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him. (6) And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD. (7) And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

INTRO: *The Walls Came Tumbling Down*

Remember before they crossed over Jordan →

God called the nation to revival – they came back to intimacy

God blesses them for obedience – they reinstated Passover

The Captain of the Lord's Host Shows Up - The Commander of Angel Armies

And now **seven** days in a row they walk around the walls and on the **seventh** day **seven** times around the walls… **seven** priests carrying **seven** ram's horn trumpets (one each)… The ark of God, the seat of His special presence, was carried round the city. All these were set forth to arrest the attention of the people to the fact that…

This Victory Was Solely Due To THE MIGHT OF THE LORD
And To The Covenant He Made Making Their Cause His Cause

2 Kings 5:10-12 KJV **Remember Naaman the leper?**

And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan ***seven times***, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. (11) But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. (12) Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

(After his servants spoke with him)

5:14 Then went he down, and dipped himself ***seven times*** in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Obedience Always brings God's Blessings

God's Promises – God's Protection – God's Provision

I. Somebody Needs to Shout To The LORD!

Joshua 6:15-16 KJV

And it came to pass on the ***seventh*** day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner ***seven times***: only on that day they compassed the city ***seven times***. (16) And it came to pass at the ***seventh time***, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, ***Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city***.

Ezra 3:10-13 KJV

And ***when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD***, they set the priests in their apparel ***with trumpets***, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, ***to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel***. (11) And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And ***all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD***, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. (12) But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and ***many shouted aloud for joy:*** (13) So that the people could

not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for ***the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.***

Has God Done Anything In Your Life That Deserves A SHOUT?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 KJV

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven ***with a shout***, with the voice of the archangel, and ***with the trump of God***: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Joshua 6:20 KJV

So ***the people shouted*** when the priests ***blew with the trumpets***: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the ***trumpet***, and the people ***shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city***.

Somebody needs to Shout!

God Has Not Changed His Ways!

If God's Peoples Who Are Called By God's Name
Will Humble Themselves
And Pray
And Seek His Face
And Turn From Their Wicked Ways;

Then HE WILL – HEAR – FORGIVE – And HEAL

II. God Must Come First In All Things

Joshua 6:17-19 KJV

And ***the city shall be accursed***, even it, ***and all that are therein***, ***to the LORD***: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. (18) And ye, in any wise ***keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed***, ***when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it***. (19) ***But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD***.

They Sanctified Themselves – Re-established the Covenant by circumcision – They Re-established the Festival of Passover before crossing Jordan! – They are now going into the Promised Land and God wants the firstfruits! – Jericho *is not for the children* ***It Is For The LORD!***

III. Rahab's Redemption

We read with the story of Rahab that Joshua sent the two men into save Rahab and her family.

Joshua 6:25 KJV

And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Our God is a Covenant Keeping God
He always keeps His Word – His Promises are TRUE

Joshua 6: 27 KJV

So the LORD was with Joshua;
and his fame was noised throughout all the country.